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B3 8. (Twice amended) A method for making an automotive pyrotechnic initiator having an overmolded body, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an initiator subassembly including a can loaded with a pyrotechnic charge, and a header assembly having a connector end; and,
- b) molding an integral, unitary, electrically-nonconductive, overmolded body around said subassembly, such that said body is connected to and surrounds substantially all of said initiator subassembly except for an exposed portion of said connector end, wherein said body provides structural support and installation orientation features.

B4 13. (Twice amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said step of molding includes injecting molten material into said mold under pressure.

B5 16. (Twice amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said step of molding includes injecting molten material into said mold under pressure.

B6 22. (Amended) An automotive pyrotechnic initiator, comprising:

- a) an initiator subassembly including a can loaded with a pyrotechnic charge, and a header assembly having a connector end; and,
- b) a molded, integral, unitary electrically-nonconductive overmolded body connected to and surrounding substantially all of said initiator subassembly except for an exposed portion of said connector end.

Finally, please add the following new claims 24 and 25:

B7 24. (Added) The initiator of claim 22, wherein said initiator subassembly includes a glass-to-metal sealed header assembly.

25. (Added) The initiator of claim 24, wherein said molded, integral, unitary electrically-nonconductive overmolded body provides structural support and installation orientation features.